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POTENTIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. COMPANY

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1. DEPARTMENT (PRICKETT OF NEA/RA) CALLED SPITZ
SEPTEMBER 17 TO DISCUSS HIS SITUATION. POINTING OUT
DISTINCTION BETWEEN SAG VISA LAW AND POLICY ON ONE HAND
AND BOYCOTT POLICY ON THE OTHER, WE GAVE HIM FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

A) SPITZ WILL BE ASKED TO INDICATE HIS RELIGION ON VISA
APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, SAUDIS
HAVE ASSURED US THAT APPLICANT'S RELIGION IS NOT GROUND
FOR DENIAL OF VISA.

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B) SINCE ARAB BOYCOTT IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST JEWISH

RELIGION PER SE AND SPITZ' FIRM, BIG STATE PEST CONTROL COMPANY, IS NOT BELIEVED TO BE ON BOYCOTT LIST, BIG STATE'S PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE AFFECTED BY BOYCOTT.

2. WE INVITED SPITZ TO BE IN TOUCH WITH NEA/RA IF HE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY WITH VISA OR APPARENT DISCRIMINATION WITH RESPECT TO BID AND OFFERED TO BE OF ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. ROBINSON

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